

**DAVIE POLICE DEPARTMENT
MEMORANDIUM**

To: Sgt Wayne Boulcier **Date:** August 13, 2003
Thru: C.O.C.
From: Ofc. Scott Yoder
Subject: Synopsis of Explorer State Conference 2003

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During the week of June 22-28, the Police Explorers attended the 2003 FAPE Law Enforcement State Conference. The State Conference consisted of thirty-four Explorer Posts, all from different agencies within the State of Florida, competing in a total of 12 events. The events included traffic crash investigation, search and arrest, traffic stops, bomb threat investigation, crime scene/first aid, in progress call, drill team, crisis intervention, shoot don't shoot (FATS) scenarios, tie breaker event, and a bicycle course.

Back in March of 2003, I took four Explorers and united them together to make an Explorer Competition Team. This team consisted of two Explorers with only four months experience and two Explorers that only had a year and a half of experience within the post. On every Wednesday of each week, since the beginning of March, they trained for two hours a night to learn effective police work, which takes an academy cadet five straight months to learn. During the week each Explorer learned the value of team work, professionalism, and self-esteem.

At the conclusion of the week, the Davie Police Explorers Competition Team placed 5th in the Crime Scene Investigation/ First Aid event and received a trophy for their winnings. Overall, the team placed 24th out of 34 posts, with an average of 70.1%. The highest percentage winner placed 89.5%. In consideration, the team has only been together since March and that this competition was their first competition ever attending. I am proud of the accomplishments of the team and I'm looking forward to next years events.

The Explorer Competition Team was as follows:

Explorer Angel Colon
Explorer Justin Fairburn
Explorer Chris Riviere
Explorer Rodolfo Oliva

Advisors: Head Advisor Scott Yoder and Civilian Advisor John Yoder

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During the week of July 28 – August 2, 2003, three new Explorers to the Post, attended the Broward County Police Explorer Academy. The week long Academy was 40 hours long and was held at the Public Safety Institute. The Explorer Academy was modified and copied off of the Police Academy that is held at B.C.C. for new police recruits that are hired by law enforcement agencies. The new Explorers went through a grueling mental challenge and had an opportunity to learn how the law enforcement field operates. The attending Explorers had to act and learn just like they would if they were attending the Police Academy. Each Explorer is mandated to attend a Police Explorer Academy before they are allowed to ride with patrol officers on a shift in their respective departments.

The Academy offered a unique and diverse staff of instructors, who where police officers from various agencies in Broward County, that had specialized training in their field of teaching. The Explorers had to line up in a formation every morning for head count and uniform inspection before attending their classes. They where trained in defensive tactics, human diversity, CPR, crime scene, domestic violence, traffic stops, criminal law, community policing, bomb threats, gang awareness, and in progress calls. They also got to learn how to work in at team, build leadership skills, meet new people, and make new friends. After a week of attendance, each Explorer received a certificate of completion and knowledge that they can use in their future careers.

The following Explorers attended the Police Explorer Academy:

Explorer Katie Crowley tenure = 7 months
Explorer Chris Riviere tenure = 8 months
Explorer Justin Fairburn tenure = 8 months